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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING

OF THE

USCIB ELINT COMMITTEE

Colonel Chas. P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

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PRESENT:

DEFENSE:

Dr. John P. Gigrich
(for Mr. Donald A. Borrmann)

STATE:

No representative

NSA:

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(for Mr. Robert E. Drake)

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NSA

CIA:

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ARMY:

Mr. Grady Frank

NAVY:

CDR Earle G. Hutchison

AIR FORCE:

Lt Col Victor P. Kellan
(for Lt Col Louis J. Anderson)

JOINT STAFF:

No representative

SECRETARIAT:

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ALSO PRESENT:

ARMY:

Arnie L. Millican (Lt Col USAR Ret)
Maj Max D. Laughlin
Mr. Douglas B. Cruikshank

NAVY:

CDR Frederick W. Hitz

The Fourth Meeting of the United States Communications Intelligence Board ELINT Committee was held at 1000 hrs., 14 August 1958, in the Pentagon, Room 2C468.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

ELCOM: 4./4 Item 1 on the Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of
USCIBELCOM, 14 August 1958.

SUBJECT: Joint Staff Participation in ELCOM (U)

a. At the Third Meeting of ELCOM the Committee agreed that AEC and Joint Staff participation in Committee matters was appropriate. On 1 July 1958 an invitation to attend ELCOM meetings was extended by the Executive Secretary to the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff, and to the Director of Intelligence, AEC. Acceptance of such invitation was received from the Deputy Director for Intelligence, the Joint Staff, with Colonel Montie F. Cone, USA, designated as representative. There has been no reply from the Director of Intelligence, AEC.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

ELCOM: ~~9.4/7~~ Item 4 on the Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of
9.3/7 USCIBELCOM, 14 August 1958.

SUBJECT: ELINT Matters Suggested for Further Attention by
the USCIB ELINT Task Force (C)

a. USCIB, in approving USCIB 9.4/59, the Report of the ELINT Task Force, referred paragraph 21 of the Report to USCIBEC which, in turn, requested ELCOM to study cited paragraph and submit its recommendations to USCIBEC. Paragraph 21 is inserted here for reference:

"21. During the course of its inquiry, the Task Force observed certain subjects peripheral to its basic mission that appeared to warrant being brought to the attention of USCIB for consideration and possible action. These are submitted herewith without further elaboration:

"a. The vital subject of Early Warning from ELINT, combined with COMINT when appropriate, has been seriously neglected.

"b. The type and timeliness of U.S. ELINT data are inadequate to make substantial contributions to the Indications program.

"c. From a national security point of view, the courier and communication systems available to transmit vital ELINT materials and messages to Washington from key collection points are inadequate. (The Task Force is aware that this deficiency is part of the more general problem now being studied by the IAC Critical Communications Committee.)

"d. The question of the use of ELINT deception by the Sino-Soviet Bloc appears to have received only casual attention by the U.S. ELINT Community.

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"f. Although USCIB has considered [redacted] to be ELINT, the ELINT Community has given little support to this promising collection technique."

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After discussion, ELCOM generally agreed that items a, b, and c were closely related and that NSA would draft a proposal outlining three general actions that might be taken. The proposed recommendations to USCIB would include IAC guidance on the items of intelligence collection, CCC guidance on communications, and an evaluation by NSA of the capabilities of the collection units.

DECISION:

NSA agreed to submit a paper outlining an interim solution.

Item d was considered by the Army as being an intelligence problem rather than an ELINT problem. In view of the dearth of information available, the Committee appointed a group composed of representatives from Intelligence from each of the three Services and CIA under the Chairmanship of the Technical Consultant, ELCOM, to investigate the problems and make recommendations on what needs to be done.

DECISION:

ELCOM appointed an Ad Hoc group to investigate the use of ELINT deception and make recommendations to the Committee.

Item e is being studied by NSA which, in turn, will work with the Services in an attempt to solve the problem.

Item f was generally covered in a paper presented by the Technical Consultant ELCOM with the admonition that there may be other IR developments and requirements than those listed in the paper.

After discussion, the Committee recognized the need for additional information and agreed to task TEP and MEWG with the following studies:

MEWG - What intelligence requirement exists susceptible of satisfaction by [REDACTED] techniques?

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TEP - What are the collection techniques presently existing or programmed which [REDACTED] for intelligence purposes?

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DECISION:

a. That the Chair would submit a memo to MEWG requesting a compilation of intelligence requirements susceptible of satisfaction by

[REDACTED]

b. That the Chair would submit a memo to TEP requesting a compilation of collection techniques presently existing or programmed which

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for intelligence purposes.

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